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**HOPES are still high for Oxford United to own their own ground after an appeal to prevent the Kassam Stadium being listed as a community asset was quashed by a judge.**

By **Jack Johnson**

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A second appeal from former U's chairman Firoz Kassam was rejected at a tribunal at Oxford Magistrates Court last month, it was revealed earlier this week.

OxVox, the independent supporters trust of Oxford United, had their bid to list the Grenoble Road stadium as a community asset approved by Oxford City Council last May.

Judge Nicholas Warren rejected Kassam's appeal, which deemed it inappropriate

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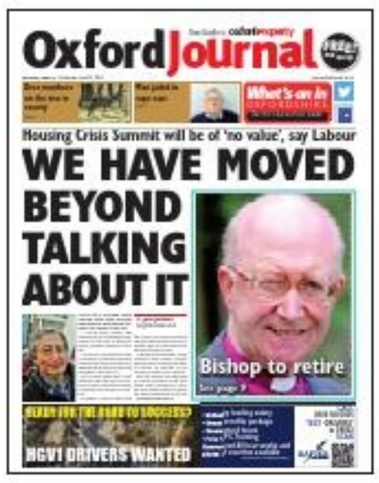
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# Inquiry to look at discharge support

**A NATIONAL inquiry to uncover the dangers of patients being discharged from hospitals and care homes without proper help is being supported by Healthwatch Oxfordshire.**

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The inquiry is asking for people to come forward and speak about their real life experiences of the discharge process, and learn what can be done to avoid health problems and readmission afterwards.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire believes that such incidents could be avoided locally if more care and attention was given to preparing people returning to their homes and communities after treatment.

Larry Sanders, chair of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, said: "We are pleased that Healthwatch England is using its statutory powers to look into the problem of unsafe discharges.

"These arise when people who are elderly, homeless or experiencing mental health problems are released from hospital or a care home without the arrangements being made which allow them to live safely.

"This is a major issue around the country, including Oxfordshire.

"I am very proud to represent the county on the national panel which is overseeing the inquiry."

Anna Bradley, chair of Healthwatch England, said: "Taking the time to ask patients about how they are going to cope when they return home and ensuring everyone has the support they need sounds simple, but all too often fails to happen.

"Sadly, it's when people fall through the gaps between the different health and social care services that serious problems occur, leading to unnecessary suffering for those involved.

"Ultimately what is needed is for NHS Trusts, clinical commissioning groups and local councils to work together with patients to manage the discharge process as part of a much more integrated health and care service."

News of the inquiry comes after a number of high-profile incidents in Oxfordshire, such as Kauthar Silvera, who killed her mother just days after being discharged from Littlemore Mental Health Centre in 2012.

Anyone who has experience of a poorly planned discharge is asked to contact Healthwatch Oxfordshire on 01865 520520, or hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk.

# NHS Trust rated 'good', but areas need improving

**OXFORD University Hospitals NHS Trust has been rated 'good' by the Care Quality Commission, although it has stated that certain areas 'require improvement'.**

In a list of compliance actions, the report criticised the accident and emergency department for regularly missing waiting time targets, which they said is due to a lack of beds to discharge people effectively.

It also said that operations were cancelled too often, and that the outpatient department was failing to provide an effective booking service.

But it praised staff by stating that patients received compassionate care, and significant efforts had been made to improve the effective discharge of patients.

A statement from Healthwatch Oxfordshire said: "The reports provide detail of a generally well run service which highlights the many innovative and professional services run by the Trust.

"It is however important to recognise that there are points of criticism included in the report which will require attention by the Trust's management.

"We welcome the strong evidence of the many areas of good practice outlined in the report, and look forward to working with the Trust's management to ensure the patients using the hospitals are both heard and listened to."

• *Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital*

## News Bites

### Uni commended in league table

**OXFORD: The University of Oxford has the joint highest quality of staff and lectures, according to the results of the latest Times Higher Education (THE) Student Experience Survey.**

Together with Cambridge University, Oxford came top of the poll, which asked students to rate their university experience.

Oxford dropped two places in the overall best student experience league table, falling from second to equal fourth with the University of Dundee.

### Artist hopes for top award win

**OXFORD: A hand-engraver has been shortlisted for an international art prize, and will be vying for the £10,000 top prize this summer.**

Philip Lawson Johnston has been nominated for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's Wildlife Artist of the Year exhibition, with the winner set to be announced at London's Mall Galleries between June 2 and 7.

Wildlife artist David Shepherd, who launched the competition in 2008, was pleased with the entries.

He said: "The shortlisted entries are once again exceptional.

"From the judges point of view, the drama and technical excellence in all the work was quite breathtaking."

### Woman charged with burglary

**COWLEY: A 29-year-old woman has been charged after a distraction burglary in Oxford last week.**

The woman was charged with burglary dwelling on May 9, and has been bailed to appear before Oxford Magistrates' Court on May 27.

It relates to an incident at a house in Beauchamp Lane on April 28.

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### Research centre to host open day

**AN INTERACTIVE exhibition showing how everyday objects have transformed healthcare is being staged by the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) on Monday.**

Taking place at the John Radcliffe Hospital, the exhibition will feature demonstrations of the latest technology and techniques for tackling conditions such as cancer, dementia and arthritis.

Visitors will be able to extract DNA from strawberries, as well as taking on the centre's 'infection experts' at a game of Bug Top Trumps.

Researchers and medical professionals will also be on hand to answer questions on issues including DNA sequencing, the importance of sleep and how data drives new treatments and services.

Speaking about the event, BRC director Professor Keith Channon said: "Research plays a vital role in improving healthcare and our teams are at the forefront of research both nationally and internationally.

"Patients and the public are at the heart of what we do, from helping shape the questions we ask to participating in projects and trials.

"The open day is a way of sharing our work in a fun and interactive way and saying thank you for the support we get."

The open day will run from 12.30pm to 4.30pm at the John Radcliffe's West Wing Atrium.

# Stadium appeal: Trust 'delighted with outcome'

· *From front page*

to designate the car park and the building as a community asset under the Localism Act 2011.

OxVox chairman Mark Sennett said: "Firoka have their reasons for doing it.

"We have spoken with them about it and absolutely understand their points of view and they understand ours."

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Last year's approval was believed to be the first of its kind for a football stadium and allows OxVox six months to match any offers for the ground.

Mr Sennett continued: "We're obviously delighted with the outcome because the stadium is of great community value to the people of Oxfordshire and is the home of Oxford United.

"This means Oxford United fans have a seat at the table for the future of the stadium.

"But this is part of a wider journey and we are committed to the aspiration of reuniting Oxford United with a stadium.

"I've had positive conversations with Firoz Kassam and the football club about that."

Last month, Oxford United's fellow tenants London Welsh signed a new three-year agreement to continue playing rugby at the stadium.

Mr Sennett added: "I have met Bleddyn Phillips (London Welsh chairman) and they want to make an impact in Oxfordshire.

"But from our point of view the most important thing is Oxford United acquiring the stadium and that has no bearing on who any of the tenants are.

"The aim is to get Oxford United owning a stadium."

Mr Kassam was chairman of the club for seven years, between 1999-2006, before selling the club, but retaining ownership of the stadium.

Oxford United and London Welsh declined to comment.

# Cowley pub closed following police drugs raid

**A MAN has been charged following a drugs raid on a Cowley pub.**

The 55-year-old man was arrested at the Nelson public house, in Between Towns Road, on Friday night.

He is charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

A large sum of cash was also seized from another man as a result of the warrant.

Police officers tested areas throughout the pub with swabs and found that there was widespread evidence of drug use.

The warrant came as part of Operation Relight, which is part of an investigation to crack down on the supply of class A drugs.

Supt Christian Bunt, local policing area commander for Oxford, said: "We will now be liaising closely with the management of the pub to look at any on-going issues there.

"Based on the findings from [Friday] night, we will consider if we have sufficient evidence to take the license to review.

"In the interim, the pub has voluntarily agreed to close."

Richard Adams, environmental protection service manager at Oxford City Council, said: "Operation Relight again shows the real benefit of agencies working together."

Anyone with further information that may aid the operation is asked to call 101, or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## News Bites

### Fundraising effort

**OXFORD: Business energy supplier Opus Energy, which is based in Oxford has raised nearly £30,000 for two charities in the past financial year.**

They donated £23,770 to Mencap - a charity for people with leaning disabilities - and £6,175 for the Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough,

The money was raised through numerous activities including sky diving, marathons and live music concerts.

Andy Nash, operations director at Opus Energy, said: "We could not have achieved this goal without the dedication and support of our entire organisation.

"Our employees have really enjoyed supporting Mencap and Rainbows, and we look forward to continuing our efforts."

This year, the company has again pledged to raise £20,000 for Mencap and £5,000 for Rainbows, as well as offering support to a third charity: Beating Bowel Cancer.

### Uni sleep study

**OXFORD: Modern perceptions of how little sleep we need are arrogant, Oxford University researchers say.**

Scientists at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Manchester and Surrey universities joined up for a BBC programme called Day of the Body Clock.

Oxford University Professor Russell Foster, who claims people get on average one or two hours less sleep every night compared to 60 years ago, says human beings are a "supremely arrogant species".

Lack of sleep can cause severe health problems, such as cancer, heart disease and obesity.

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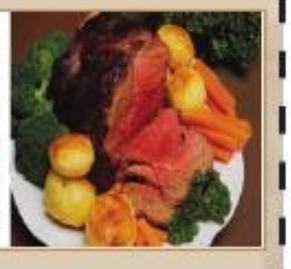

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# New university teaching building given top prize

• *The John Henry Brookes Building*

By **Adam Flinn**

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**AN OXFORD Brookes teaching block has been voted Building of the Year at the Royal Institute of British Architecture (RIBA) South awards.**

The John Henry Brookes Building beat competition from sites across the south, including 11 others in Oxfordshire, to take the top prize.

It also won the Sustainability Award at the ceremony last Thursday, and the building's architects Design Engine were also honoured.

Judges praised the look of the building, which opened in February this year to provide a library, teaching space, Students' Union and support services.

As a regional winner it will now be considered for the national RIBA Stirling Prize.

Professor Janet Beer, vice chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, said: "The John Henry Brookes Building is the biggest and best signal that at Oxford Brookes we put the student experience at the heart of everything we do.

"Anyone who has seen the way in which students have already made the space their own will recognise that not only is it beautiful, it is also functional.

"Together with architects Design Engine, we are delighted this fantastic building has been recognised by RIBA."

Matt Gaskin, head of the school of architecture at the university, said: "The award is testament to our vision in providing inspirational architectural spaces to complement our top class teaching and research.

"To have award-winning architecture on campus will further inspire our staff and students."

RIBA regional director James Robinson added: "There was a fantastically high standard to the RIBA awards this year.

"We are very lucky in the south to have the local ambition and design talent to be able to complete buildings of this quality."

John Ridgett, associate director for Design Engine, said: "It was a wonderful achievement for the whole team that the John Henry Brookes Building received both the Building of the Year and Sustainability awards.

"The greatest achievement will be if the building inspires students for generations to come to achieve their own goals."

Oxford University's maths block, called the Andrew Wiles building, was among the city's contenders for the top prize.

# Victim fled attempted robbery

**POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was the victim of an attempted robbery in Cowley last week.**

At around 8pm on May 6, the victim was walking along the subway under the eastern bypass from Fern Hill Road towards the BMW plant, when a man pushed him up against a wall and demanded he hand over his property.

The victim was able to kick the suspect in the shins and run away.

Police are looking for a black male, 6ft 3ins, aged in his mid-20s, of average build and with very short black hair in connection with the incident.

He was wearing a black Adidas hooded top, which has three white stripes down both the arms.

Investigating officer Police Constable Paul Jones from Oxford Police Station said: "Due to the time of night, it was still light and people would have been using the subway.

"If anyone was in the area and used the underpass and recognises the man from the description given, please contact me."

Anyone with details is asked to call 101.

## Sport Bites

### Fast food strike

**OXFORD: Fast food workers will be on strike today in protest of zero-hour contracts.**

Twenty strikes will take place in towns and cities across the UK, including outside McDonalds on Cornmarket Street, at 6pm this evening.

### Girls go for gold

**HEADINGTON: A team of Headington School swimmers broke a five-year-old national record on their way to victory at the National Swimming Finals on Saturday.**

The under-10 relay team of Safiya Sillah, Numa Shah, Olivia Mahony and Jemima Gibbs won in a time of 1:01.40 – a new Independent Association of Prep Schools record.

Safiya also won gold in the front crawl.

### Museum arts

**OXFORD: Families can get creative at the Ashmolean Museum this Saturday.**

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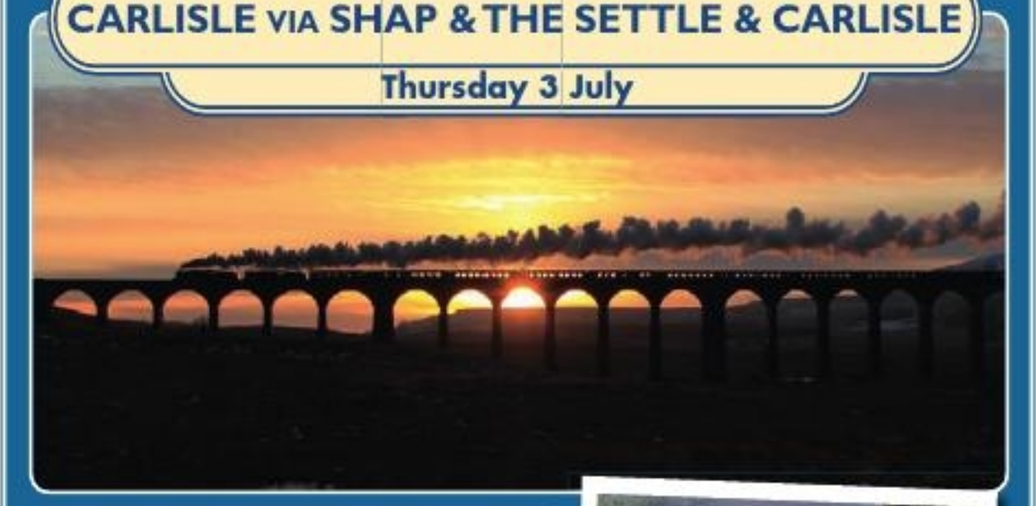

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# Former pupils in reunion pledge

By **Jack Johnson**
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**THREE former Oxford technical school pupils are encouraging their old classmates to attend a reunion as part of the 60th anniversary of its renaming to Cheney School.**

Bernard Stone, 70, Bryan Brown, 67, and Nigel Jones, 66, (pictured right) are appealing for people who attended the school between 1954-1972 to join them for a day of celebration on July 11.

John Henry Brookes founded the technical school in 1934, and the trio are appealing for people from this particular 18-year period - before the school merged with Cheney Girls' School and when it became a comprehensive.

Mr Brown, who recently completed a biography of Mr Brookes, said: "What we want is for people to contact each other.

"Someone knows one or two people and what we want is to support it."

Cheney School began as the Junior Day Department of the Oxford Tech before becoming a separate secondary technical school in 1944.

Sharing the buildings of the Technical College on Church Street, Oxford, the school moved to Cheney Lane, Headington, in 1954, taking the name of the street.

The college also moved to Headington, later renamed the Oxford Polytechnic and now Oxford Brookes University.

The trio have so far attracted 60 of their former classmates to the celebration at Cheney School, which will include a tour of the buildings.

Cheney was the only technical school in Oxford before the change in 1972, providing educational streams in Technology, Art and Commerce.

Mr Stone, who chose the Technology stream, said: "Because of the schooling I had when I started studying for Architectural exams I was streets ahead of everyone else.

"I had already done all the basics at school."

Arnold Wainwright was head of the technical school and Mr Jones said he was a character that everyone will remember.

"Mr Wainwright was a bit like a captain of a ship that prospers," he said.

"If there was an issue he would deal with it."

If you attended Cheney School between 1954 and 1972, visit cheney1954-1972.org or email admin@cheney1954-1972.org.

# Council in cleaner drains plea

**AFTER a fatberg caused Oxford's roads to come to a standstill at the beginning of last month, the county council is urging people not to pour fat and oil down their drains.**

The sewer under Hollybush Row, Oxford, became clogged up after a mass of fat and wet wipes built up and hardened.

Blocked sewers can cause homes to flood and Matt Beesley, the county council's waste management service officer, is asking residents not to pour oil away.

"Cooking oil is a valuable resource and putting it down the drain not only causes blockages but means it is going to waste," he said.

"All types of oil can be recycled by putting small amounts into your food waste recycling bin.

"If you have larger amounts it can be soaked into newspaper first."

Thames Water spends £12million a year on clearing blockages in sewers.

Karen Nelson, Thames Water sewer manager, added: "In the worst cases, blockages lead to homes being flooded by sewage, which is a horrible and distressing experience for our customers. We would urge people to keep their sewers running by remembering to 'Bin It – Don't Block It'."

## News Bites

### Rallying for free

**SUMMERTOWN: Budding tennis players can play for free this weekend at Summertown's Alexandra Courts as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, taking place on Saturday and Sunday.**

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### Apprenticeships

**OXFORD: Small businesses in the city who are thinking about taking on an apprentice can find out more information at a special event taking place at the Town Hall this morning.**

Experts will be on hand to answer questions and explain the benefits of hiring an apprentice, as well as speaking about the £1,500 Apprenticeship Grant for Employers.

It is running from 9.30am to 11.30am. For more information go to oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk.

### Sexual assault

**OXFORD: A 22-year-old man has been bailed in connection with a sexual assault in an alleyway off Cowley Road on May 5.**

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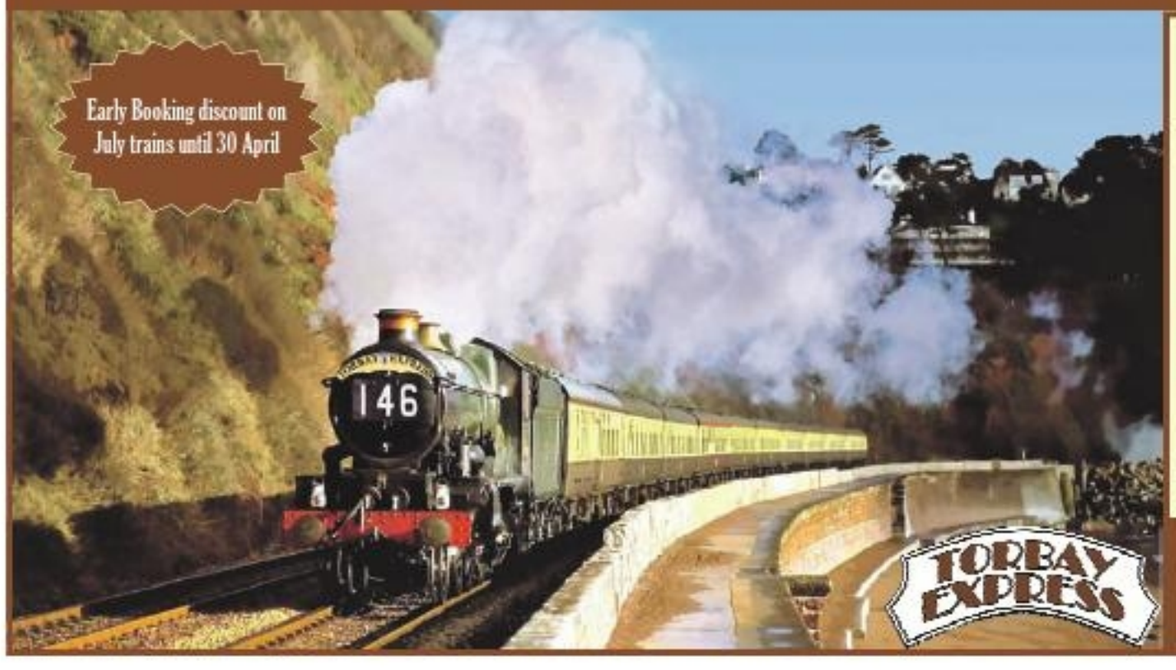


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## News Bites

### Bus fares set to go up in the city

**OXFORD: Single and return tickets on Oxford Bus Company's city services are set to go up in price.**

As of May 18, an adult single ticket will increase by 10p while a return ticket will go up by 20p.

Single and return tickets on the X90 Oxford to London service will increase by £1.

The company's city key card will remain at the same price.

### Serious collision

**KIDLINGTON: Three men were taken to hospital on May 6 after a single vehicle collision on the southbound carriageway of the A34 between the Peartree roundabout and Islip.**

The collision occurred at around 8.40pm and the men, who were in a blue BMW, were taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington.

One of the men suffered serious injuries and police are appealing for witnesses to the collision to call 101.

### Rogue leaflets

**OXON: Trading Standards officers are appealing for people to send them leaflets from rogue traders.**

Anyone who receives a leaflet from traders offering home or garden maintenance work should put their address and contact details on the back and send it to officers.

The postal address is Trading Standards, Graham Hill House, Electric Avenue, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY.

# Camilla makes lasting memory in Oxford

**OXFORD was host to Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall last Friday, as she opened a new research centre, before meeting staff and patients at Helen & Douglas House.**

By **Adam Flinn**

adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

The Duchess started the day by officially opening Oxford University's new £12m Botnar Research Centre on the site of Headington's Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

She was given a tour of the facility and was shown a simulator for surgical skills training, before having a go at operating on a model shoulder and knee herself.

Professor Andrew Carr, director of the research centre, said: "We were delighted that the Duchess of Cornwell as able to come and visit here again.

"Conditions such as arthritis and osteoporosis affect the quality of life of many people, particularly in an ageing population.

"There is a great need for improved treatments to tackle the large burden of disease, pain and disability, and make a real difference to people's lives."

The Duchess then made the trip across Oxford to Helen & Douglas House, where she helped to celebrate the hospice's 10th birthday.

She toured the building and spoke with children and young adults staying at the hospice, as well as staff and volunteers, before joining in with a birthday photograph in the site's garden.

One of the children who the Duchess met was Ollie Samways, who regularly visits the hospice.

His mother Marie McVicker said: "It was lovely to meet the Duchess, she was very down to earth and very friendly.

"She met Ollie at the beginning of the visit and then again near the end, and I was very touched that she remembered his name."

Tom Hill, chief executive of Helen & Douglas House, said: "The Duchess, as she always does on occasions like this, put the children, young people and their families before anyone else.

"My lasting memory is of Her Royal Highness kneeling beside the wheelchair of a very poorly child showing the deepest concern for mum and dad."

***• The Duchess meets Ollie Samways at Helen & Douglas House (Picture courtesy of All People Photography)***

# Botley Road Waitrose store given city council go ahead

**A WAITROSE store on Botley Road was given the green light by city councillors last week.**

The West Area Planning Committee voted in favour of the plans to build a 24,500 sq ft store on the former Halfords and MFI site by five votes to two.

However, a condition was passed for a pedestrian crossing to be installed near the entrance of the store.

Officers recommended the project for approval despite admitting that "the proposals are likely to worsen existing severe traffic congestion along Botley Road".

The 1980s former-MFI building, which is currently home to a temporary Cancer Research UK shop, will be bulldozed as part of the plans.

The store will create up to 160 new jobs, and 148 parking spaces could be open next year.

Waitrose spokesperson James Armstrong said: "This is a major step forward in realising what we believe is an exciting opportunity to bring major investment to Botley Road and open our nearest store to the city centre.

"By revitalising a vacant site, we can deliver more choice and significant employment opportunities for local people.

"We will now review the feedback and look forward to progressing with our plans."

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# The life of George Formby told by one man

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## Henning Wehn

POPULAR German comedian Henning Wehn brings his brand new show 'Eins Zwei DIY' to Oxford's North Wall Arts Centre on Saturday evening.

Henning has made numerous television appearances in his self-appointed role of German Comedy Ambassador, on programmes such as 'Room 101', 'QI' and '8 Out Of 10 Cats'.

The show begins at 8pm.

## Guitarist Jeff

RENOWNED electric guitarist Jeff Beck has brought his long-awaited tour to the UK, which makes a stop at Oxford's New Theatre on Saturday.

The Grammy award-winning guitarist is set to perform a the eclectic musical mix that is his trademark alongside his band, with support coming from Mike Sanchez.

It starts at 7.30pm.

## Fun in the sea

OXFORD'S Pegasus Theatre is host to Rock Pool, the story of two very different sea creatures who are left stranded, today and tomorrow.

The children's production sees Prawn and Crab try to find their way home after getting stuck in a rock pool, and is suitable for ages three and over.

# Telling George's story

**THE life story of singer, actor and comedian George Formby is told in a one-man show coming to Didcot's Cornerstone theatre on Saturday.**

Ewan Wardrop wrote and performs the show, which charts Formby's rise from humble beginnings to becoming one of Britain's biggest stars of the 20th century.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Formby was one of the UK's highest-paid entertainers during the 1930s and '40s, becoming well-known for humorous songs such as 'When I'm Cleaning Windows'.

He and his wife Beryl travelled extensively during the Second World War, and it is estimated that they played before three million Allied soldiers during that time.

It was while Ewan was growing up that he found out about Formby, and has remained a fan of his work ever since.

Ewan added: "It wasn't until I met Ed Hughes, who's the director of the play, when we were in a play together that he said 'do you want to do something about George Formby?'

"At the time, I hadn't because I was aware of what a big story it was.

"It's a hard one to play as well, but he and I met up once a week at a pub, and came up with a show."

Performing in a one-man show is something Ewan has never done before, and he has been enjoying the challenge throughout the process.

It has already received critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival last year, and is currently touring the UK throughout the spring.

"It's a different sort of performing," said Ewan. "I do stand-up as well, and this feels somewhere between that and normal acting.

"You've got an audience staring back at you saying 'entertain me', and you've got no-one else to pass those nerves onto, so it's a big challenge.

"It's been a steep learning curve, but I think any actor should do it because it does challenge you, and it's extremely rewarding."

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*• Ewan Wardrop stars as George Formby in Didcot this weekend*

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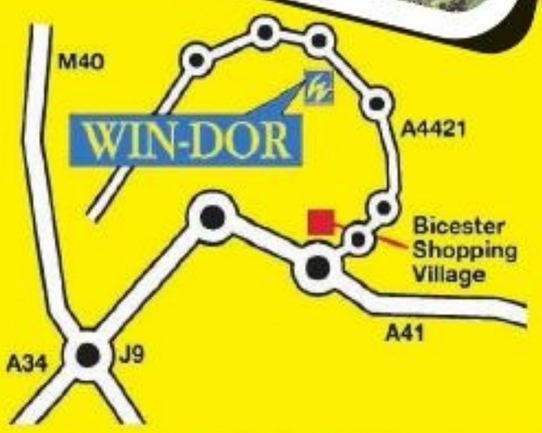


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For more details, go to museumsatnight.org.uk.

## Jimi Goodwin

JIMI Goodwin, best known for being the bassist, vocalist and guitarist for Doves, performs a solo show at Oxford's O2 Academy on Monday.

He released his debut solo album 'Odludek' in March, and has recently been touring alongside Elbow to promote the new record.

Doors open at 7pm.

## Stepping Out

WALLINGFORD'S Corn Exchange is host to Stepping Out, a comedy about eight individuals from disparate backgrounds who attend a weekly tap dancing class, from Tuesday.

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# Violin concerto

**RUSSIAN violin virtuoso Dmitry Sitkovetsky comes to Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre this weekend, to perform the world premiere of Nimrod Borenstein's 'Concerto for Violin and Orchestra' with the Oxford Philomusica.**

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Dmitry is renowned worldwide for his classical music skills, and has played with numerous orchestras across the globe including the Los Angeles, Berlin and New York Philharmonics.

This concerto is split into four movements, and is scored for double-woodwinds, four horns, two trumpets, two trombones, timpani, vibraphone and strings.

"About three years ago, I met Nimrod and he expressed his wish to write a violin concerto for me," said Dmitry.

"A year and a half ago Nimrod started writing the concerto and then he showed it to me. I made a few suggestions, and a couple of months later he brought the final version, which will be premiered this weekend.

"Premiering a new work is perhaps the most exciting and nerve-wracking part of being a performer.

"You have to win over the audience and also give the new work hopefully a long life on stage. A lot depends on how well all musicians are prepared and committed to the piece."

Dmitry has been playing the violin for a young age, and is the fourth generation of classical musicians in his family.

This will be the first time that he has played alongside the Oxford Philomusica, although he has made a previous visit to the Sheldonian.

"I played once in the Sheldonian in the early '90s when I was performing the Elgar concerto with Lord Yehudi Menuhin and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra," Dmitry added.

"Since then I have visited Oxford many times between 2009 and 2012, when my daughter Julia was a student at Queens College."

The performance at the Sheldonian starts at 8pm on Saturday. For more details, go to ox.ac.uk/sheldonian.

*• Dmitry Sitkovetsky premiers the 'Concerto for Violin and Orchestra' at the Sheldonian Theatre on Saturday (Picture by J. Henry Fair)*


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## Aysgarth Road £400,000

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## Old Road £450,000

Detached family home. Spacious accomadation over two levels with room to extend (subject to planning). Located within walking distance of the Nuffield Hospital. Energy rating: F.

## Windmill Road £480,000

Victorian semi detached property in Central Headington, conveniently situated to local amenities, good public transport links and access to Nuffield and Churchill hospital. Energy Rating: E.

## Coverley Road £300,000

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY Currently HMO Licensed, this spacious detached property is situated on a corner plot within walking distance to London Road.

## Rutten Lane £375,000

Detached Chalet Bungalow in historic village of Yarnton. Set back from the main street the property offers great access to local amenities.

## Barton Road £215,000

Offered with no onward chain, well proportioned ground floor flat. Currently used as a family home but would also be ideal as an investment. Energy rating: D.

## Nuffield Road £300,000

Three bedroom home with access to local amenities, offering good public transport links and conveniently situated to access The Nuffield Hospital and Churchill Hospital. Energy Rating: D.

## Atkyns Road £190,000

Recently refurbished duplex apartment, offering great local amenities and a short walk to the The Nuffield & Churchill Hospital.

## Atkinson Close £280,000

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Offering good rental potential, great links to major routes, local hospitals & the city. Energy Rating: D.

## Oxford £75,000

Generous one bedroom park home with parking and gardens. Altered from the original two bedrooms the space has been reconfigured to offer a spacious bathroom and fitted wardrobes to master bedroom.

## Aldbarton Drive £250,000

The property comprises of living space over four floors, consisting of: Three Bedrooms, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Cloakroom & Spacious Lounge and is presented in excellent order throughout.

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## East Field Close £450,000

An attractive detached property offering great access to the ring road, local hospitals & bus routes.

## Barton Village Road £230,000

Well presented end of terrace home. The property offers lounge, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms, off road parking for approximately three vehicles and access to rear garden.

## Collinwood Road £325,000

Connells Estate Agents of Headington are pleased to present to the market this three bedroom semi-detached property in Risinghurst.

## London Road £210,000

Retirement property, located on the ground floor of the popular London Court development. The site offers a 24 hour emergency careline system & house manager. Energy Rating: C.

## Bayswater Farm Road £155,000

## Brome Place £170,000

Well presented one double bedroom flat with lounge/diner, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and hobby room. The property would be ideal as a starter home or as an investment. Energy Rating: C.

## Ilsley Road £225,000

The house consists of: three bedrooms & family bathroom on the first floor, kitchen, dining room, lounge & cloakroom on the ground floor. The property is located within walking distance of local shops.

## Hengrove Close £230,000

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, this property is a great family home, offering: lounge, kitchen/diner, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom, parking & front & rear gardens.

## Holloway £275,000

Semi detached property in need of refurbishment, offered with no onward chain, parking and gardens. The accommodation consists of three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, diner, cloakroom and kitchen.

## Cranley Road £90,000

DEVELOPMENT PLOT Planning approved for a one bedroom house to be developed to the side of a three bedroom semi detached property. Viewing advised and further plans available in branch.

## Boad Oak £275,000

Well presented family home located in a quiet cul-de-sac next to Magdalen Wood. Ideal for first time buyers and people looking for a property to move into with no renovation. Energy Rating: D.

## Bulan Road £320,000

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## Thame £875

SPACIOUS FLAT- offers excellent accomodation of entrance, living room, fully fitted modern kitchen two good sized bedrooms, bathroom. Only a few minutes walk of Thame town centre. The flat has the added benefit of private off street parking.EPC Rating:C

## Wheatley £900

TWO BEDROOM ground floor apartment set in a highly sought after development in the popular and conveniently located village of Wheatley. Veiwing is a must, EPC Rating:D

## Cowley £1,200

SPACIOUS GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT-in a popular development in a highly sought after location.Available furnished this apartment offers excellent accommodation of, entrance hall, living room, kitchen,two double bedrooms, en suite bathroom to master bedroom,bathroom,allocated car parking space.Available mid to late June.Viewing is high recommended.EPC Rating:B

## Barton £950

VERY WELL PRESENTED- ground floor apartment with two double bedrooms. Tastefully decorated throughout.Availlable late June early July, view now to avoid missing out.EPC Rating:C

## Cowley £1,250

UNDERGOING REFURBISHMENT- this conveniently located house. Accommodation of,entrance hall, lounge/diner,kitchen,three bedrooms,bathroom front and rear gardens.Available end of May.EPC Rating:E

## Aylesbury £1,250

THREE BEDROOM-end of terrace house is situated in a quiet rural location with beautiful surroundings in a sought after and historic village of Brill.The property has many interesting and attractive features, with good accommodation of,Entrance hall, Large spacious lounge with feature log burning stove,Country style kitchen,dining room Conservatory,Three double bedrooms, bathroom and a cloakroom.Allocated parking, front and rear garden\Viewing highly recommended.EPC Rating:D

## Littlemore £1650

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME- Recently decorated this house is located in the quiet,popular,residential road,close to Cowley centre.The property is within the catchment area of exemplary schools.Viewing is essential.EPC Rating:

## Horspath £2,100

FANTASTIC DETACHED VILLAGE HOME- situated in the heart of Horspath yet with very easy access to Oxford and the M40.A must see property,Call today to avoid disappointment.EPC Rating:C

## Cowley £825

SUPERB ONE BEDROOM-ground floor apartment is ideal for those seeking easy access to Oxford City Centre,Cowley Centre, business parks and good communication links.Early viewing is highly recommended.EPC Rating:D

## Cowley £875

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## Rose Hill £279,000

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ENERGY RATING: C

## East Oxford £325,000

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## Cowley £250,000

THREE bedroom property located in a quiet CUL-DE-SAC on the Cowley/Headington borders. Porch, Entrance, Kitchen, Lounge, second reception room, Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate Toilet, Gardens. EPC Rating: D

## Garsington £235,000

Offered to the market with NO ONWARD CHAIN is this three bedroom VILLAGE property with the added benefit of having a DRIVEWAY and GARAGE. EPC Rating: D

## Florence Park £265,000

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## Wallingford £220,000

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## Florence Park £250,000

Located in the sought after area of Florence Park this two double bedroom end terraced property has a large bathroom upstairs plus a ground floor cloakroom, spacious lounge/dining room and fitted kitchen. Off street parking to the front of the property. EPC Rating: D

## Greater Leys £210,000

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# Stylish Bampton Close home, Oxford

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# Green deal home improvement fund

From the National Association of Estate Agents:

In December, the Government announced action it was taking to reduce the impact of its policies on energy bills, which included £450m over three years for household energy efficiency.

In February, we made some changes to the current Green Deal cash back scheme, including extending it to the end of June 2014 and uplifting some rates to boost the supply chain and help customers while we designed new schemes and consulted on our proposed changes to ECO.

In March, DECC awarded £88m to 24 consortia in English local authorities to promote Green Deal on a street by street basis, representing a huge opportunity for local industries and the energy efficiency of those communities, including projects aimed at the private rented sector.

On Thursday, I announced details of a new Green Deal Home Improvement Fund. From June, householders across England and Wales will be able to get up to £7,600 back through this new scheme to stimulate warmer, greener homes while enabling them to take control of their energy bills.

The Fund will help households to install energy efficiency improvements by rewarding them with money back on the cost of installing two or more of 13 measures eligible under the Scheme.

Under the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund, domestic energy customers can claim:

- up to £1,000 for installing two measures from an approved list; and/or
- up to £6,000 for installing solid wall insulation; and
- up to £100 refunded for their Green Deal Assessment.

These rates are guaranteed for the first £50m, and up to £120m is available this financial year.

Private or social landlords can benefit from the new scheme if they undertake to improve the property, and are paying the costs themselves.

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**Titup Hall Drive**
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**£300,000**

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## Two speed crossword

**Quick Clues Across**

1 One who covers furniture (11)
9 Spike of corn (3)
10 Many-footed animal (9)
11 Lesser in importance (5)
13 Amidst (7)
14 Deny (6)
16 Shackle (6)
18 Colossal (7)
19 One who sets rate of progress (5)
20 Setbacks (9)
21 Belonging to him (3)
22 Teenagers (11)

**Quick Clues Down**

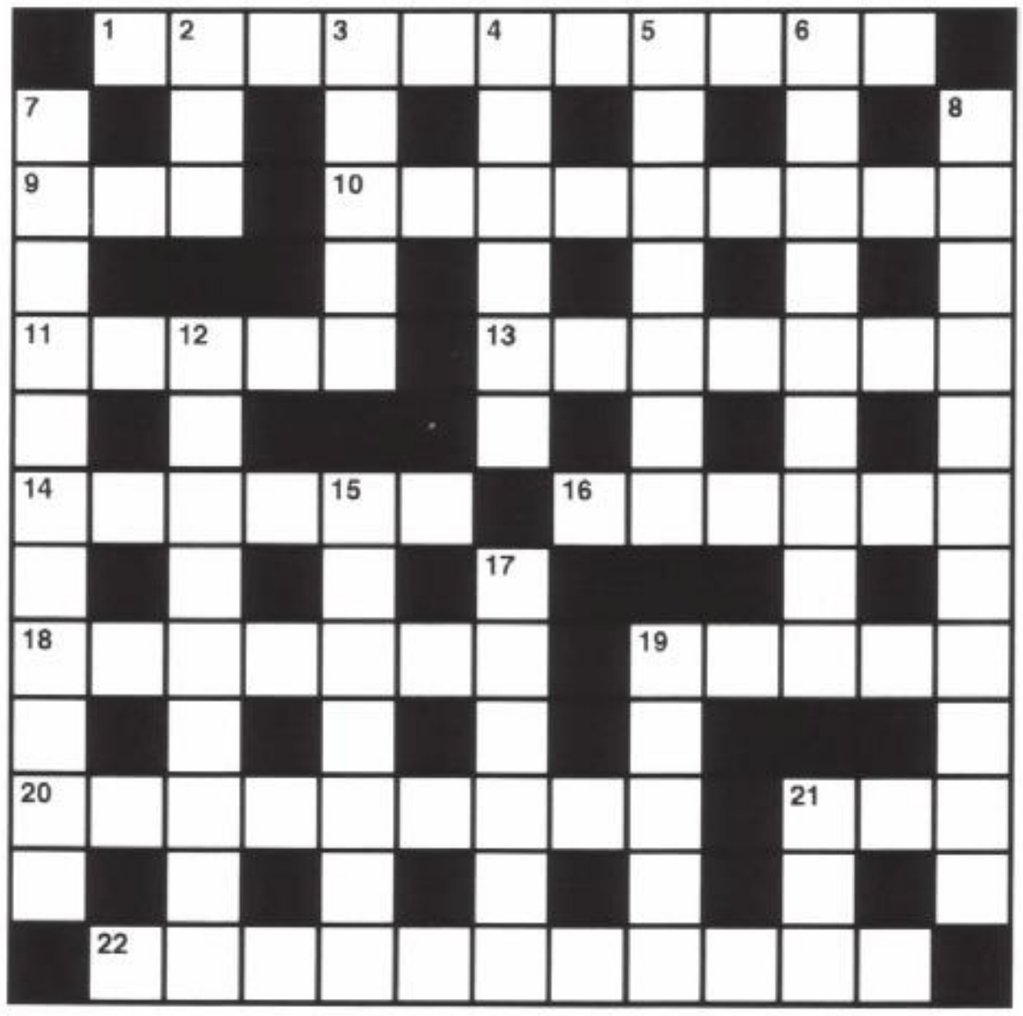
2 Face value of shares (3)
3 Come to mind (5)
4 Type of footwear (6)
5 Incident (7)
6 Vigorous (9)
7 Sprout-inducing agents (11)
8 Form of printing (11)
12 Vetoed (9)
15 Supporting shoot (7)
17 Small pieces (6)
19 Stick (5)
21 Shed (3

**Cryptic Clues Across**

1 Come in. Thank you. Dine informally. Be received as a guest (11)
9 With this one has nothing (3)
10 Died having no will to survive (9)
11 The rascal sounds as if he's in church (5)
13 Could a mere lad be such a jewel? (7)
14 I start out to be a craftsman (6)
16 Mark the regular pattern (6)
18 Flower one could somehow say has a circular centre (7)
19 Belief in the bitch who has whelped? (5)
20 Can I be in dual collision and not be heard? (9)
21 Only part of a piece of pastry (3)
22 Substitute newly mixed paler cement (11)

**Cryptic Clues Down**

2 Trap what is left after deductions (3)
3 Chosen to put it in the roughly sheltered side (5)
4 Named the bird who was in front (6)
5 Examine closely an invertebrate creature soft in the belly (7)
6 Forthcoming fellow completely absorbed in eating (9)
7 Sounds a peremptory order to a lazy exporter, but denotes skill (11)
8 Containers for sewing accessories - or drug addicts? (6,5)
12 Change a net around for every other answer (9)
15 Descriptive of a conventional gathering? (7)
17 Having two feet with which to make rhythm (6)
19 Fond hope of a mad reversal concerning the enclosure (5)
21 Hold down; check growing up (3)

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## Last week's solutions

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**Quick Crossword**

Across: 1 Resident 4 Spot 8 Portal 10 Salmon 11 Carps 12 Baton 14 Israel 17 Dangerous 18 Recasting 22 Sea-dog 23 Unsay 24 Regal 26 Rupees 27 Larger 28 Ends 29 Mindless

Down: 1 Ripe 2 Spread 3 Deacon 5 Pampas 6 Tuneless 7 Lasso 9 Languages 10 Spiritual 13 Taped 15 Ruins 16 Preserve 18 Rasped 19 Cores 20 Inlaid21 Gargle 25 Arts

**Cryptic Crossword**

Across: 1 Resisted 4 Bier 8 Diadem 10 Cinema 11 Simon 12 Busts 14 Napalm 17 Emanation 18 Promising 22 Virtue 23 Total 24 Tried 26 Ranges 27 Dinner 28 Even 29 Deserted

Down: 1 Rude 2 Statue 3 Siesta 5 Iceman 6 Rearming 7 Sinai 9 Misnomers 10 Contested 13 Smart 15 Point 16 Converse 18 Prince 19 Outer 20 Iodine 21 Garnet 25 Prod

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# Dacia's Duster delivers knock-out value

**RENAULT'S subsidiary budget brand Dacia has been making waves since it splashed onto the UK automotive scene with the Duster.**

This SUV's distinctive looks have a functional robustness, from the bluff front and rear, straight flanks and flared wheel arches housing chunky mud and snow tyre shod wheels. Even before it's moved an inch, the Duster looks ready to 'off-road', and unlike many SUV/crossovers, it has the ground clearance to do just that.

REVIEW: Dacia Duster Ambiance dCi 110 2WD

By **Philip Shoulder**

@writeonmotoring

Available in both two and four wheel drive form, the Duster uses proven Renault-Nissan Alliance technology, with 4x4 models featuring selectable three-mode, four-wheel drive as standard (2WD, Auto and Lock).

Two Renault group engines are offered: a 1.6-litre petrol and 1.5 dCi diesel. Tested here is the diesel motor, which in two-wheel drive guise returns an official combined 56.5 mpg and emits 130 g/km.

The 105 bhp diesel is a punchy performer, propelling the Duster along smartly, aided by the six-speed gearbox with well chosen ratios, which ensure good tractability at low speeds, decent in-gear acceleration, while also allowing for a relaxed 2,800rpm cruise at 75mph.

Admittedly there isn't the sharp dynamic focus that you'd find on a Nissan Qashqai, Mazda CX-5, or Hyundai ix35, but body control is still good enough through the corners. The Duster's greatest asset however is its exceptionally smooth and pliant ride, which effectively irons out even rough road surfaces.

As you'd expect, given the price, the quality of the Duster's interior isn't up to that of more expensive rivals. Switchgear, especially the ventilation controls feels pretty cheap, but everything works and the overall feel of the cabin is actually quite acceptable.

There's also no denying the sheer lack of equipment and features. On the cheapest Access version, even a stereo is an option. This £ 11,995 mid-spec Ambiance gets a CD/MP3 player with Bluetooth connectivity, which is intuitive and straightforward to operate. But if you want luxuries like air-conditioning and a trip-computer, you'll need the top-spec Lauréate - still far from expensive at £13,495 in 2WD guise.

**VERDICT:**

The Dacia Duster is a welcome breath of fresh air. It offers a no-nonsense, 'does-what-it-says-on-the-tin' approach to motoring and for that it must be heartily applauded. Look past the slightly rough edges and you're left with a truly capable small SUV, that's worthy of consideration against considerably more expensive rivals.

## FACTS at a glance

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Engine: 1461 cc, diesel
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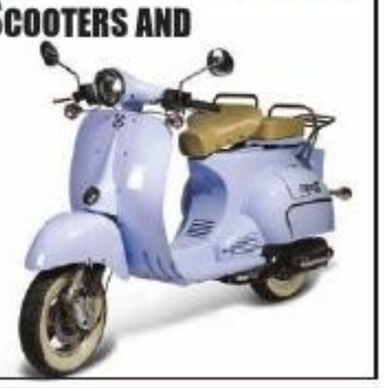

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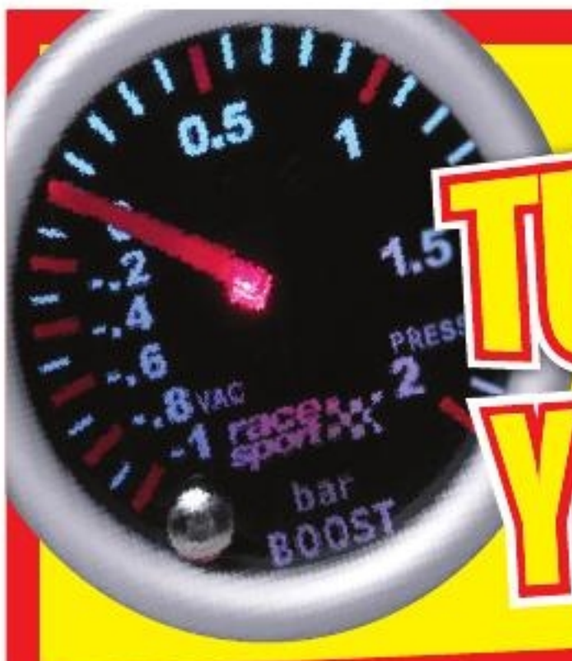

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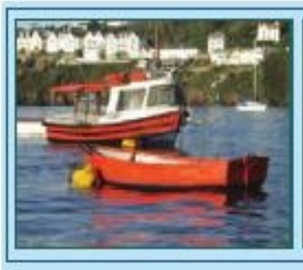

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# Burnell hopes home crowd can help Exiles' play-off bid

**LONDON Welsh head coach Justin Burnell is challenging his players to have a fast-start against Leeds Carnegie on Sunday as the Exiles look to book their place in the Greene King IPA Championship final.**

The Dragons lost the first leg of the semi-final 38-31 at Headingley last Sunday.

However, Burnell is hoping home advantage will give Welsh the edge and is urging his players to be positive against Leeds and look to score early.

"It's disappointing to be seven points behind going into the game, but at the end of the day it's at home," he said.

"Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but if we can score first then it's back to nil-nil.

"That would be the ideal situation, get the first scores on the board and then play for the next 70 minutes."

He continued: "It's a home game. It's a bit irrelevant who you play.

"It's all to play for and we're going to go out with the view of winning the game.

"I think a good crowd, really getting behind us, could contrast seven points before we've even started."

Despite outscoring Leeds with three tries to two, eight penalties hurt Welsh on the scoreboard last week, including Alex Lozowski's three-pointer from the last kick of the game.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Burnell added: "It was very disappointing.

"They scored 24 points from the boot and wherever you play you can't just hand over 24 points so that is an area we are very conscious of and we really have to tighten up on.

"We let them in for two easy tries, but our defence has been a massive plus for us all year.

"There was some good positives, we scored three tries in comparison to two, we just had a poor start, but it's all to play for now."

However, the Exiles do have concerns over the fitness of Alex Davies (knee) and Daniel Browne (hamstring), after the duo were forced off at Headingley.

Burnell said: "They could still be in contention.

"We're just still waiting for the medical reports on them so that's not completely dead and buried yet."

• *Justin Burnell says this Sunday's second leg is all to play for (Picture by Martin John)*

## Smith feeling good ahead of French GP

**BRADLEY Smith is confident of a competitive showing at Le Mans this weekend as MotoGP heads to France for round five.**

The Monster Yamaha Tech3 rider (below) is eighth in the rider standings and is optimistic of a strong performance at his team's home grand prix.

"I am happy and confident that we will have a very competitive bike for the Tech3 team's home race in Le Mans, where I am sure we can score a positive result," he said.

"We had an important test at Jerez the day after the (last) grand prix and we collected a large amount of data with some changes working better than others, leaving us with a clear idea of where we can head towards next in terms of setup direction."

World champion Marc Marquez leads the standings after winning all four races so far this year, with Honda Repsol teammate Dani Pedrosa 28 points behind in second.

## Awcock ready for second leg as Exiles trail to Leeds

**ALAN Awcock says London Welsh will not hold anything back as they look to overturn a seven-point deficit in the second leg of their Greene King IPA Championship play-off against Leeds Carnegie.**

The Exiles welcome Leeds to the Kassam Stadium this Sunday after last weekend's 38-31 defeat at Headingley.

A place in the final against either Rotherham Titans or Bristol is, according to Awcock, all the motivation needed.

"All the boys know that, we're well aware of it," he said, "and no one's hiding behind anything.

"Everyone wants to play in the final, that's where we want to be.

"We've got a good squad and there's no reason why we shouldn't be there, as long as we put in a performance on Sunday at the Kassam."

Awcock went over twice after replacing the injured Alex Davies and added: "I don't think we ever struggle to score tries, we like to get over the whitewash.".

• *Alan Awcock (Picture by Martin John)*

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# LONG AND SHAMA PEN NEW DEALS AT OXFORD

## Waddock praises 'promising' duo

**OXFORD United head coach Gary Waddock says Sam Long and Josh Shama "deserve their chance" after the two youngsters signed new deals at the club this week.**

Long and Shama, both 19, agreed one-year deals on Tuesday, with the club retaining the option of a 12-month extension.

Defender Long made six first team appearances for United last season, while Shama starred in the development squad, playing in every game.

Shama, a former Reading trainee, suffered an injury in pre-season, but made the bench for United's final Sky Bet League 2 game of the season at Northampton Town.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Waddock said: "Both of them have done really well. Fans have seen Sam in the first team already and he has real potential as well as a fantastic attitude.

"Josh is a player who we have high hopes for because he has quality on the ball and works so hard for the whole 90 minutes.

"They both deserve their chance to push on, keep working at their game and build on a highly promising first year as professionals with the club."

Waddock was also full of praise for the rest of the development squad with Josh Ashby, Sam Humphreys, James Roberts and Aidan Hawtin all signing deals.

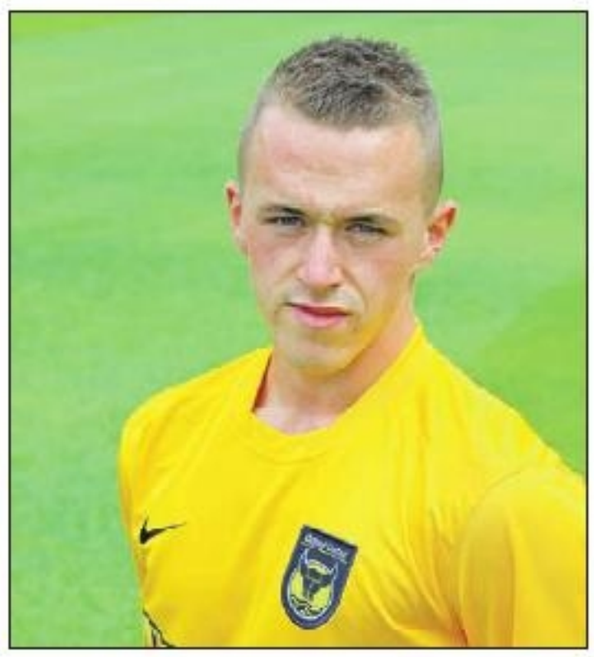
They join Josh Ruffels, Callum O'Dowda, Tyrone Marsh and Max Crocombe who have all tasted first team football.

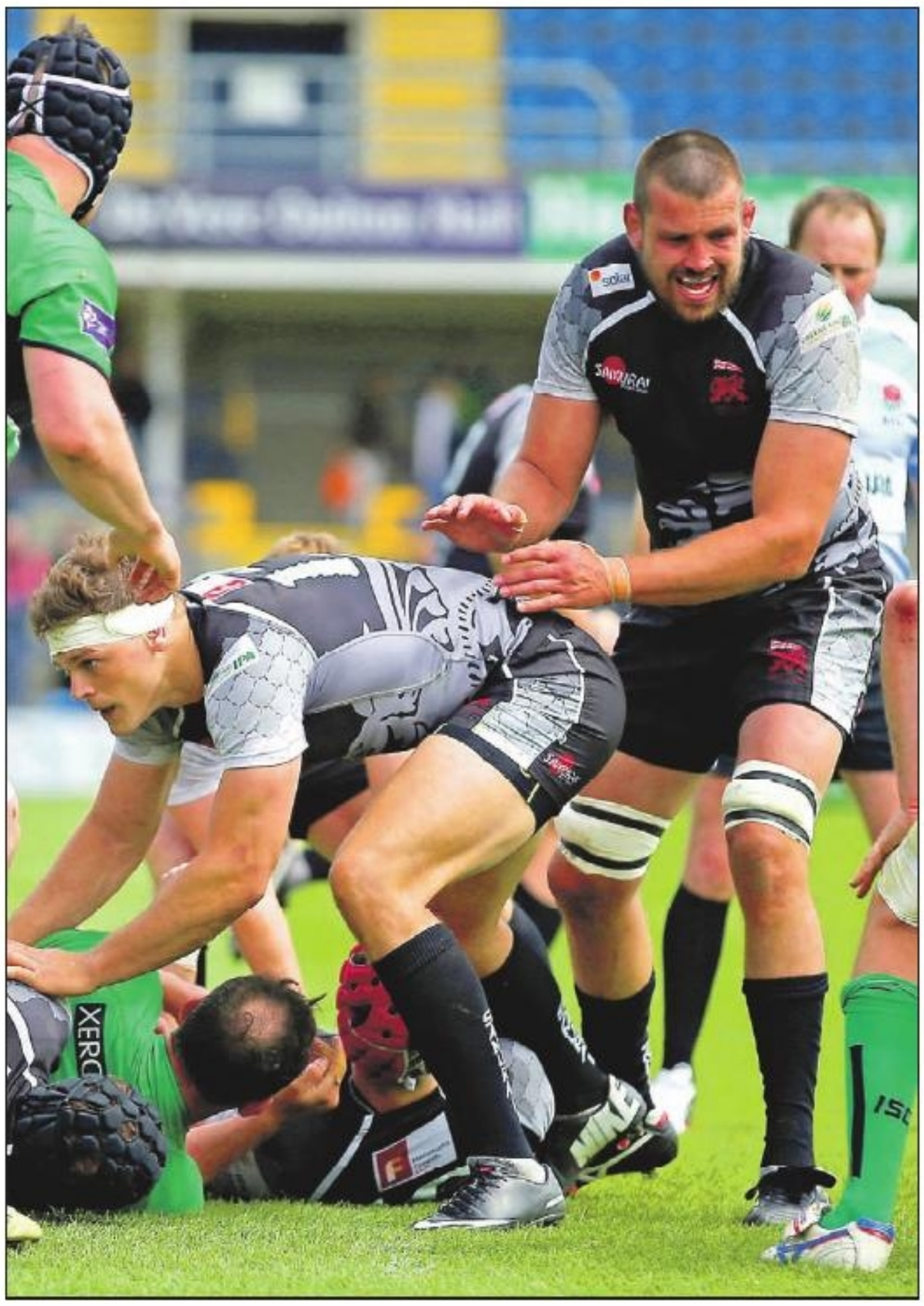
Waddock added: "It's exciting.

"They want to learn, work hard at their game and have that enthusiasm that fans love to see.

"I am delighted that the younger players want to play a part in what we are building here."

***• Josh Shama (left) and Sam Long (Pictures courtesy of Oxford United FC)***





# Dragons trail Leeds after first leg defeat

**LONDON Welsh head into the second leg of their Greene King IPA Championship semi-final with Leeds Carnegie on Sunday looking to overturn a seven-point deficit.**

The Exiles were beaten 38-31 at Headingley last Sunday, but head coach Justin Burnell believes it is all still to play for at the Kassam Stadium this weekend.

See inside sport as Burnell and full-back Alan Awcock preview Sunday's big match.

***• James Tincknell and Matt Corker in action against Leeds Carnegie (Picture: Martin John)***

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